



**Cultural Homestay International
Outbound Department**
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HOW TO APPLY FOR ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SO MANY CHOICES

CHI offers academic high school programs in many countries. It's up to you to decide which one. Space is reserved on a "first come" basis. Please apply early.

- You decide which country best suits your interests and how long your stay will be. Do you prefer a school term, semester or year?
- In your host country you will be welcomed by a caring host family who will introduce you to their country - not as a tourist but as a member of their family.
- CHI programs include the services of a knowledgeable staff in your chosen country. They are available to share their experience and expertise as you adjust.

REQUIREMENTS

- You must be a high school student, ages 15 - 18 years, with a GPA of 3.0 or better, in good health, able to participate in daily activities with no special considerations.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Complete this preliminary application, include a \$75 non-refundable application fee, mail to Outbound Dept., C.H.I., 104 Butterfield Rd, San Anselmo CA 94960, Attn: Micki Lalonde.

On receipt we will reserve space in your chosen country and mail you a full application. Please complete it and return it to us as soon as possible. If you decide not to go, please inform us so your reserved space will be available for someone else.

A CHI Representative will contact you and arrange an interview with you and your family. This interview gives you the opportunity to learn more about your program.

Your full application will be reviewed and you will receive notice of acceptance or other enrollment status. The process of matching you with a host family and school will then begin.

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

- We want to keep you informed. We will contact you if our Partner agency in your chosen host country needs more information. Sometimes finding the right host family takes longer than one would imagine. When you have been matched to a host family we will advise you. Rest assured, we are always aware you are waiting for the good news.
- Periodically we will be sending you information to help you prepare for your experience. The information has been suggested by former exchange students. If you have questions call your Outbound Rep or our office.
- Your Outbound Rep will contact you at times to see how you are doing with your full application, getting your passport and to answer questions as they arise.
- We will provide you with tips for international travel and ideas on how to make your exchange experience successful. You will receive an Orientation Handbook and other helpful materials. Your pre-departure Orientation will occur before you leave and you will receive an orientation when you arrive in your host country.
- We will invoice you from our Office. The invoicing starts when you are accepted. If you have questions about an invoice or statement feel free to phone us.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Do I have to speak a foreign language? No, there are countries with no language requirement.

Can I go if I have already graduated? No. However, you may go during your final semester of high school. If you have already or will have graduated we have other programs available. Perhaps our English Volunteer Abroad Program will be just right for you.

When will I know who will be my host family? You will receive the name and address as soon as the host country provides us with the information. Do not expect it earlier than 8 weeks before departure. It may come sooner but often does not. It is better to be prepared for this waiting period.

May I contact my host family before I leave? Yes, we want you to write or phone them as soon as you we give you the information.

How is CHI funded? CHI is a non-profit, educational organization. Fees paid by students or raised through special projects, as well as corporate and private donations, provide us with our financial support.

Cultural Homestay International's Outbound Academic Program
104 Butterfield Rd., San Anselmo, CA. 94960 U.S.A.

PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

Instructions: By completing this application you will have a space reserved for you in your country of choice. Return the completed form with a \$75 non-refundable application fee. This fee is not part of the program cost. Return this application to CHI's Outbound Department, 104 Butterfield Rd, San Anselmo, CA., 94960 USA; Attn: Micki Lalonde

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION [Please type or print clearly. USE **BLACK INK.**]

Full name [as on birth certificate] _____

Home address _____

Home phone [_____] _____ Cell phone [_____] _____

Email _____

Age ____ D.O.B. ____ / ____ / ____ Gender M F Citizenship _____

International airport close to your home _____ City _____

2. YOUR FAMILY

I live with: Mother & Father ____ Mother ____ Father ____ Other: _____

Father/Guardian name _____ Occupation _____

Cell phone [_____] _____ Email _____

Mother/Guardian name _____ Occupation _____

Cell phone [_____] _____ Email _____

Parents' email addresses _____

3. YOUR SCHOOL INFORMATION

School name _____

Address _____

Phone [_____] _____ Counselor's name _____

Current GPA [last 2 terms] _____ High school grad date _____ / _____
[Required 3.0 minimum GPA] Month Year

4. FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY [Some countries require prior language study.]

Language/years studied _____

5. HEALTH INFORMATION

a) Do you have dietary restrictions/allergies or follow any special diet? _____

b) Do you have any other allergies? _____

c) Do you have any medical condition? Y / N If yes, explain: _____

d) Are you currently taking any prescribed medications? Y / N If yes, list medication and condition it treats: _____

e) Have you had any prolonged illness? Y / N Will it recur? Explain _____

6. RELEASE - You authorize CHI to contact your local newspaper about your participation and include your photos on our website chinnet.org .

Local Newspaper name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

7. CHOOSE YOUR COUNTRY

Please reserve space for me in the following country: [1] _____

If space is not available in my first choice, my next choices[s] are:

[2] _____ [3] _____ [4] _____

8. CHOOSE THE LENGTH OF PROGRAM: What year? 200 ____ [ie 2002]
Fall academic semester ____ Spring academic semester ____ Full academic year ____

Some countries offer term sessions. If you choose Term please indicate:

1 Term [1/3 academic year] Fall ____ Spring ____

2 Terms [2/3 academic year] Fall ____ Spring ____

3 Terms [Full academic year] Fall ____

Requested start date, _____, return date, _____.

We will confirm dates with you and your host country.

9. HAVE YOU BEEN REFERRED TO US BY A CHI COORDINATOR? Y/ N

Coordinator's name: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: In making selections and placement, we understand and accept that Cultural Homestay International does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion or gender.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____